(b) The ownership of additional refining capacity will be decided based on economic considerations rather than on the interest of oil companies.

Request for taking over of the Union Corporation Plan

3367. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees union of the Union Carbide Corporation Limited has made repeated requests to the Central Government for taking over of the Plant in the interest of workers; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The various implications of the proposal are under study.

Commission on the medicines required for National Health Programme

@3368. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increase in the trade commission and its impact on the medicines required for National Health Programme:

(b) whether the trade commission on Category-I and Category-II drugs is the same and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare was consulted;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the trade commission in the context of the effect it has on the consumer prices; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The trade margin which is part of MAPE has been revised by the Government under DPCO 1987 to 16 per cent on all price controlled indigenously manufactured formulations and there is no increase in the prices of medicines on account of this revision.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

उत्तर प्रदेश के गांवों में डाक तार घर

3369. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में उन गांवों की संख्या कितनी है जहां 30 जून, 1988 को डाक-तार सुविधा उपलब्ध नहीं थी और इन गांवों में ये सुविधाएं कब तक सुलभ कराये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में खोले गए डाक-तार घरों की वर्षवार संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) **डाक सुविधाएं**:— उत्तर प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 16343 डाकघर स्थापित किए गए हैं जिनके माध्यम से प्रदेश के सभी ग्रामों में डाक सुविधाएं सुलभ कराई जा रही हैं । सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के शेष दो वर्षों के दौरान इस राज्य के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में 550 अन्य डाकघर भी खोले जाने का प्रस्ताव है ।

तार सुविधाएं:—30 जून, 1988 की स्थिति के अनुसार बिना तार सुविधा वाले ग्रामों की संख्या 1,21,781 है । इन ग्रामों में सन् 2000 ई. तक तार सुविधा प्रदान किए जाने की उम्मीद है ।

@Previously unstarred question 2663, transferred from the 17th August, 1988.

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश में खोले गए डाकघर एव तार घरो की संख्या इस प्रकार है :—

वर्ष	डाकघर	तारघर
1985–86	5	117
1986–87	—	230
1987–88	322	140

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STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988 to unstarred Question 1218 regarding Industries in Central Sector.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): Madam Deputy Chairman, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th March, 1988, to Unstarred Question No. 1218, regarding industries in Central sector. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6439/88]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Papers to be laid on the Table.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY (Uttar Pradesh): Madam Deputy Chairman, on a point of order. I have given notice. (*Interruptions*) The hon. Minister of Communications is laying on the Table a paper relating to the Indian Telegraph Act. It has now been established that the State Governments are tapping the telephones of Members of Parliament. In fact, a case in Madhya Pradesh has just come to light. I would like to know from the hon. Minister what happened to his assurance to lay on the Table all the materials. He gave the assurance in the other House. And what about the amendments to the Indian Telegraph Act? What he is laying on the Table is totally unsatisfactory for the purpose of maintaining and securing the privileges of Members of Parliament. (*Interruptions*) Is it a fact that Mr. Arjun Singh is tapping the telephone of Mr. Madhavrao Scindia? (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is ruled out. Now, Mr. Bir Bahadur Singh.

Indian Telegraph (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1988.

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (5) of section 7 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) Notification G.S.R. No. 606 dated the 23rd July, 1988, publishing the Indian Telegraph (Seventh Amendment) Rules, 1988. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6440/88]

Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under Customs Act, 1962 and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI G. K. GADHVI): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 764(E) dated the 1st July, 1988 exempting basic